

\*\*\*\*\*February 8, 2021\*\*\*\*\*

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a regular meeting electronically on February 8, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Charles Poss (joined at 6:11 p.m.)  
Vice Mayor Susannah Murdock  
Councilmember Vicki Anderson  
Councilmember Andrew Gardner  
Councilmember Dan Landrum

Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal  
Town Attorney Harry Cash  
Finance Director/Town Recorder Carol White

Vice Mayor Murdock led the pledge of allegiance.

### **Citizen Comments**

Vice Mayor Murdock asked if there were any requests to address the Council.

John Hollingsworth, Signal Road, spoke as the Project Manager for Winesett-Hill Constructors, Inc. He explained that his firm had previously sent letters to the Council. He said that Winesett-Hill asserted that they met the requirements of the recent library expansion bid. Mr. Hollingsworth said that at their last meeting, the Library Board voted to recommend a different company.

There being no further requests, the meeting resumed.

### **Resolutions**

1. "A RESOLUTION OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL CONSENTING TO THE RENOVATION PROJECT PROPOSED BY THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB."

Councilmember Landrum made a motion to approve the Resolution. Vice Mayor Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with 4 Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution, and Councilmember Gardner abstaining.

2. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN THE LETTER OF CONCURRENCE WITH DETERMINATION OF DE MINIMIS USE FOR TOWN PROPERTIES ADJACENT TO THE STATE ROUTE 8 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT."

Councilmember Gardner made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

## **Ordinances**

1. "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 2-106 AND 2-107 AND CREATING A NEW SECTION 2-108 OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE."

Following extensive discussion, Councilmember Anderson made a motion to table this item until the next meeting to give Councilmember Landrum time to clarify his language concerns in this Ordinance. Vice Mayor Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of tabling the second reading of the Ordinance

2. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2-901(1) OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS."

Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the second reading of the Ordinance.

## **Resolutions**

3. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING BARBARA MCLAUGHLIN AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN LIBRARY BOARD."

Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve the Resolution. Vice Mayor Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

4. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING RONAL SMITH, LAURA BECKLER AND CLIFTON HENRY AS MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN LIBRARY BOARD."

Vice Mayor Murdock made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

## **Discussion**

- a. Library Expansion Project. Council was joined in this discussion by Librarian, Karin Glendenning, and President of the Library Board, Britt Reynolds. There was extensive discussion of the process and guidelines to review bids. There was consensus that the Library Board will have further discussion at their next meeting before they make a recommendation to the Council.
- b. Recreation Board. Councilmember Gardner asked that the ordinance guidelines for Recreation Board appointments be amended to allow league presidents to be appointed. There was discussion regarding whether there would be the appearance of impropriety if

this was allowed. It was decided that Mr. Veal will put together some information and ideas on how to get better representation from the sports leagues.

- c. Municipal Landscape Ordinance. After some discussion, it was decided that Mr. Veal will incorporate revisions made since the last discussion of this item and present it at the next meeting.

### **Manager's Report**

Mr. Veal reported that there was a pre-construction meeting for the Wild Ridge development. He said they are finishing the language on the development agreement and waiting on the reclamation bond. He said they should then be ready to proceed.

Mr. Veal said the Personnel Committee has done a preliminary review of the Fire and Police salary survey. He said the Committee came to a consensus that a full classification and compensation study needs to be performed for all Town positions. Mr. Veal said the consultant, Burris, Thompson & Assoc., have said they can have a survey back before final budget approval.


Mr. Veal said that the Town has determined that the playhouse and the Library drainage projects can not be combined. He said that a topographical and hydrology studies are needed at the playhouse.

Mr. Veal said that the A&E contract extension has been completed for the sidewalk project. He said the A&E firm has been working during these negotiations. Mr. Veal said they are currently working on profiles along the sidewalks and will then review cross sections to identify areas where they can reduce earth work in the design.

### **Other Business**

- a. Communications from the Mayor/Council. Mayor Poss asked staff to look at re-opening facilities.
- b. Reports from Committees or Boards. Mayor Poss reported that the BZA is asking the Planning Commission to take up an item for their review.
- c. Other. None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

  
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Charles Poss, Mayor

  
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Recorder